

forming a main body skin portion comprising a first plastic material and an opening comprising an edge;

forming an air bag cover skin portion at said edge, the air bag cover skin portion comprising a second plastic material having a glass transition temperature lower than a glass transition temperature of the first plastic material; and

connecting the main body skin portion and air bag cover skin portion together.

REMARKS

Claims 1-106 remain pending in this application. Claims 52 and 88 have been amended. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Specifically, claim 52 has been amended to recite a skin for an automotive panel comprising a main body skin portion comprising a first plastic material and an opening comprising an edge, and an air bag cover skin portion connected at said edge to the main body portion, the air bag cover skin portion comprising a second plastic material having a glass transition temperature lower than a glass transition temperature of the first plastic material. With the Examiner's attention directed at Figure 1 of the present application, the Examiner will note that said figure illustrates the main body skin portion 20 and an air bag cover skin portion 22 that are cast with closely adjacent inner and outer edges 38 and 40, respectively, for the formation of the bond 25. See Column 7, lines 44-47.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been entered and claim 52 is fully supported by the specification.

Similar comments apply to method claim 88 as amended herein. Again, said claim has been amended to recite forming a main body skin portion comprising a first plastic material and an opening comprising an edge and forming an air bag cover skin